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From the Univerſal Spectator.

SIR,

IT is with the greateſt Indignation that I ſee the Right and Privileges of our Sex not only invaded, but in imminent Danger of being uſurp'd by the Fair-one, which every Day gains Ground by our Neglect. The open Efforts the Ladies have hitherto made to wear the Breeches proving unſucceſsful, they now employ Art, and are dreſs'd down to the Waiſt in a Male Habit. They began with the Head: The Hat and Feather was wink'd at by us, or more properly no Alarum; the Wig followed, and after that, the Jockey's Cap. Finding us regardleſs of theſe Encroachments, they ventur'd to Coats and Waiſtcoats, then to capariſon their Horſes after the military Way, and ride with Piſtols: 'Tis true, they retain the Horns to their Saddles, *in terrorem* I ſuppoſe: And I am inform'd they are gone ſo far towards the wearing Breeches, that they have knit on Linen Drawers under their Petticoats. If ſome ſpeedy Remedy is not apply'd to this Evil, we ſhall, before we are aware, be ſet to the Spindle and Diſtaff, kept at home, and the Management of Affairs be transferr'd to the other Sex. Conſider, Sir, what a Condition we married Men ſhall then be in, who, as it is, are (the greater Number of us) little better than Upper Servants. *I am, &c.*

Infauſtus Henpeck'd.

Prices of Goods at Bear Key Yeſterday

Wheat, from 36 to 45. Rye, 22 to 26. Barley, 18 to 22. Oats, 14 to 18. Horſe Beans, 23 to 27. Hog Peaſe, 22 to 24. Peaſe, 24 to 28 Pale Malt, 25 to 28. Brown Malt, 25 to 28. Tares, 15 to 21, *all per Quarter.* Coals, 25 ſh. to 26 *per Chaldron.* New Hops 35 ſh. to 50 *per Hundred.* Old Hops 25 to 35 ſh. Rap ſeed, 15 l. to 16 *per Laſt.*

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Aug. 16.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from Holland.

THE Advices by this Mail from Port St. Mary's of the 4th Inſtant relate, that ſince the grand Conference which was held there the 28th paſt, in which the principal Articles relating to the Treaty were agreed on, the Miniſters of the Hanover Alliance have held ſeveral others with thoſe of Spain. And 'tis aſſured they are now drawing up a *fair Copy* of the Treaty, in order to its being immediately ſigned; That the chief Articles agreed on, relate to particularly, as 'tis reported, the ſending the Infant Don Carlos to Italy with ſome Spaniſh Forces, the reſtoring the Commerce in America on the foot of former Treaties, and a ſpeedy Reparation of the Damages which were ſuſtained by the Dutch and Engliſh.

But how agreeable ſoever this may be, ſome *Apprehenſions* are entertain'd, with reſpect to the Conſequences that may attend the ſending the Infant Don Carlos into Italy, as concerted in the above Treaty, againſt which we are told that the Duke of Tuſcany makes ſtrenuous Inſtances to the Kings of France and Great Britain: And that the Emperor is reſolved never to agree to the ſaid Introduction of Don Carlos, without the Conſent of the whole Empire. Mean while the Letters from Vienna by the above Mail, remark, amongſt other Things, that the King of Spain continues to aſſure the Emperor, as he has all along done in Time of the greateſt Friendſhip with him, that he will not do any Thing but with his Conſent; and that it was for this Reaſon that his Catholick Majeſty's Anſwer, which arrived there the 2d Inſt. was not abſolutely deciſive, and therefore waits the Return of Count Coningſeck's Gentleman, who was ſent to the Imperial Court with Diſpatches from that of Spain, for the Emperor's ultimate Reſolution.

This is look'd upon as an odd ſort of Story, at a time when we have ſuch ample Aſſurances of his Catholick Majeſty's concluding a Treaty of Peace with the Allies of Hanover, and that one of the chief Articles thereof relates to the Succeſſion of

of the Infant Don Carlos to the Dominions of Tuſcany, &c; the Conſequence of which gives occaſion, as above ſaid, for ſome *Apprehenſions*, and alſo for divers *Remarks* and *Obſervations* to be made. But the Allies of Hanover, who know very well what they are doing, and how to purſue their Intereſt, will not ſuffer themſelves to be amuſed with fruitleſs Negociations.

This Week Mr. Smith and Mr. Wiggs, two of his Majeſty's Meſſengers, were diſpatched from the Duke of Newcaſtle's Office, with Affairs of the higheſt Importance. Mr. Sharp the Meſſenger, who came laſt from Port Saint Mary's, in Spain, is indiſpoſed with the Fatigue of his Journey, which is above 1000 Miles; in which 'tis obſervable that he was more expeditious than the Courier Bannieres by 8 Hours, notwithſtanding he was obliged to be let Blood on account of a Fall from his Horſe on the Road.

A great many of the Nobility attended the Royal Family laſt Thurſday at hunting the Stag in Windſor Foreſt, and there was afterwards a magnificent Entertainment at the Caſtle.

Laſt Night the famous Signor Bononſini performed in the great Conſort at Buckingham-houſe.

The Number of Perſons who have already received the Benefit of the Act for Relief of inſolvent Debitors, amounts to 5160, and of the Jails they have been delivered to 62.

Laſt Night Sir Charles Wager arrived at his Houſe of Parſons Green, from on board the Cornwall at Spithead.

They write from Portſmouth, that Admiral Stuart was all in a Hurry, preparing to ſail for the W. Indies, and that his Ship was crowded with young Gentlemen to go abroad with him.

S. S. Stock, 102, 1 4th.

From the Evening Poſt, Aug. 16.

Hamburg, Aug. 16. The King of G. Britain arrived at Stade laſt Friday in the Evening, attended only by 2 Pages and 4 of his Life-guard. His Majeſty was met by the Magiſtrates of that City without the High Gate, and by the Clergy in the Ravelin: The Burghers made a Lane for his Majeſty in the Streets thro' which he paſſed. Upon the King's Entrance, the Cannon were thrice diſcharged, the Bells rung, and a Concert of Trumpets and Kettle Drums was performed upon the Tower of S. Wilhad's Church. In little more than half an Hour his Majeſty ſat down at Table, and ſupp'd in Publick. After Supper, the Deputies of the Nobility and Magiſtracy were admitted to an Audience of the King; as were the Clergy on Saturday Morning: After which his Majeſty went to ſee the Brunhuyzen Fort and the Royal Yacht upon the Elbe, which ſaluted him with her Guns. In his Return from thence, his Majeſty viewed moſt of the Fortifications of Stade; which done, he ſet out, about 9 o' Clock, in his open Chaiſe, and with the ſame Attendance, for Harburgh, where he arrived at 3 the ſame Afternoon, and was received with great Demonſtrations of Joy. About 4 o' Clock, his Majeſty ſat down to Dinner, and ate in Publick; but being ſomewhat fatigued with his Journey, he retired as ſoon as Dinner was over. On Sunday Morning the King received an Expreſs, whereupon he held a Cabinet-Council, which laſted an Hour: At Noon his Majeſty dined again in Publick, when all Perſons, whether Natives or Foreigners, were admitted to ſee him. After Dinner, his Majeſty viewed the Arſenal, and thence made a Tour by Water to Wilhemsburg, from which Place he returned to Harburgh in his open Chaiſe. About 9 o' Clock at Night a fine Fireworck was play'd off, which laſted till after Midnight, and gave great Satisfaction to his Majeſty who was with his Courtiers in a Tent upon the Caſtle-wall. Beſides the Muſick of Kettle Drums and Trumpets, a Cantata was ſung, expreſly upon his Majeſty's happy Arrival. The Town was finely illuminated, and ſignificant Inſcriptions adorned the Poſt-office. Yeſterday Morning about 9, the King ſet out from Harburgh for Lunenburg, when his Horſes taking Fright at the firing of a Muſket, ran away with the Coach, threw the Coachman from his Box, and broke his Leg; which his Majeſty perceiving, he opened the Coach-door, and jump'd out, juſt as one of the Wheels broke and ſtopt the Coach: So that his Majeſty was not at all hurt. That Prince was expected here on Sunday laſt; and thereupon 3 Tables were covered by Order of the Council, at the Houſe of Mr. Commiſſary Wolf, pretty early in the Morning, and ſtood ſo all Day, and 2 Deputies of the Council were ready to congratulate his Majeſty upon his alighting at the Roomhuys: But the Wind and the Rain, or ſome other Accident diverted his Majeſty's Deſign. We had lately ſome hopes of a Reconciliation between the Courts of G. Britain and Pruſſia; but that agreeable Proſpect is vaniſhed, ſince we hear the Pruſſians ſeize all the Hanoverians they can lay their Hand on, whether Civil or Military, to match the Number of Pruſſians

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seiz'd in the Territories of Hanover, where those Arrests have been discontinued for some time. Last Night about 11, a Fire broke out near the Straw-house in the New Buildings without the Stone Gate here, which consumed 6 Houses before it could be extinguished.

From a Weekly Journal, Aug. 16.

We are told, that the Mariners belonging to the Fleet of Russia, are commanded on board the Navy, and many Regiments are ordered towards Riga, design'd, as is given out, to serve the Emperor of the Romans. But sure this is a Mistake; for what Occasion can the Emperor have for Forces, when the *Peace is as good as concluded.*

There is no more Talk of any Marriages in Prussia, as it was to be hop'd; because there are some other *Commodities* never the better for keeping, besides those brought by the Galleons.

London, Aug. 16. By Letters from Portsmouth we understand, that the combin'd Squadrons remain still in the same Situation (always at Anchor) at Spithead, and that not only Portsmouth, but also Gosport, which is over against it, is crowded with Shoals of *Beaus* and *Ladies*, who continue to come to see this *fine Sight*, and who, fearless of all Danger, venture even on board the Men of War. I say, even *Beaus* have ventured on board the Fleet, which shews what a martial Spirit there is among us.

What a stately Appearance they make now that they're join'd,
In fierce Line of Battle, with trusty *Mynheer!*
What a wondrous Increment of Valour, to find
They're safe in the Front, as they are in the Rear.

This Week Mr. Hussey, a Printer of Ireland, acquitted himself in a single Combat as a Gladiator at Figg's Amphitheatre with great Honour. We do not tell this News as if we took it for an Omen of War, that a Man should thus turn from *Letters* to *Arms*; that we shall leave to the Astrologers: We only conceive Mr. Hussey to be a wise Man, for, as the World goes, it seems necessary for all Printers to practise the noble Science of Defence.

Sometimes Men of Peace act like Men of War, and Men of War with Peace --- For we are told of a Skirmish that happened this Week betwixt a Magistrate and another Gentleman at the Sword Blade Office, which probably will end like many other Quarrels, where those that play the Bully at first will be forc'd to sneak and submit at last.

Port Santa Maria, Aug. 4. N. S. Here follow certain new Propositions, which they assure us this Court has made to the Allies of Hanover, viz. 1. "That the Conferences of the Congress "be immediately renewed; and that they there "conclude on the Manner of Infeofment, or set-"ling in Fee of the States of Tuscany and Par-"ma, the Investiture whereof the Infant Don "Carlos shall receive from the Emperor. 2. That "the Succession of those States, shall be assured "not only to the Infant Don Carlos and his Po-"sterity, but also to the present Queen of Spain's "Male Descendants. 3. That Regulation be "made of the Emperor's Rights upon these Fiefs, "and upon the Duties of the Feudatary. 4. That "these States shall not be subject to any Contri-"butions whatever; except in case of a War with "the Turks; that those Contributions shall now "be settled. 5. That the Number of Imperial "Troops in Italy be fixed. 6. Lastly, That "the Succession of the States which the Empe-"ror possesses in Italy be regulated, in case of "Failure of Issue Male in his august Family, on "the same Establishment with those of Hungary "and Bohemia.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Aug. 16.

Paris, Aug. 15. Last Wednesday the Marshal de Villars made a splendid Entertainment for Mr. Stanhope, First Plenipotentiary of Great Britain, the Duke and Dutchess of Richmond, the Duke of Hamilton, the Earl of Sunderland, and several other Lords and Ladies.

London, August 16. Mrs. Agatha Drummond, Wife of John Drummond, Esq; Member of Parliament for Perth, and one of the Directors of the East India Company, died at the Hague on the 2d Instant, and was buried there in her Brother's Burial-place.

They write from Malaga, that a Snow under English Colours, bound from Tetuan to Tunis, had been taken off Cape Gat by 3 Spanish Men of War, and carried into Cadix, on account of her carrying on a contraband Trade. But Letters from Cadix make no Mention of this.

From the Weekly Medley, Aug. 16.

Semper ego Auditor tantum.

Let us still have a little Patience longer, and we shall know a little more of the State of our *pacifick* Affairs than at present we can understand: For as yet

yet we can see but darkly. The King of Spain *promises* fairly with respect to Peace with *himself*, and the Delivery of the Effects brought from America. The Emperor, on his Part, *promises* also very fair, with respect to *Ostend*: But as yet we hear of nothing but *Promises*. Perhaps we may be further let into the Secret as we approach nearer the blessed Month of *September*. 'Tis hoped if we have a Peace, we shall soon see the Effects of it in our *Taxes*. God grant it may be so. *Amen. Amen.*

From the French Amsterdam Gazette, Aug. 23.

Paris, Aug. 17. The Courier we expected from Port St. Mary's, at last arrived the Sunday past. 'Tis said he has brought a new Project of Accommodation on the part of Spain, wherewith the Court of France appear satisfied, seeing it is pretty agreeable to the last Proposals made his Catholick Majesty. 'Tis added, that this Prince has issued a Decree, ordering the *Merchandice* brought by the Galleons to be delivered out 8 Days after the Flotilla are sailed, which was to put to Sea as on the 15th Instant; but with regard to the *Gold* and *Silver*, it is affirmed the same will not be given out till after the Peace is signed. They assure us, that the Accommodation between the King of Spain and the young Queen Dowager of Spain, is concluded; and that that Princess is ready to repair to Luxemburg to reside,

Edinburgh, Aug. 21. Since our last the Rt. Hon Lord James Cavendish, and Brigadier Gen. Churchill, came to Town.

By a Letter from Lochmaben dated August 18. we learn, That in a Gentleman's Garden near that Place, there is a Bean grown this Season, so very remarkably fruitful, that it has produced of Increase no less than 444 Fold.

This Day (being the 8th of the Moon) it is High Water at Leith at 7 o' Clock, 54 Min. Tomorrow, at 8, 42 Min. On Saturday, at 9, 30 Min. 2d Quarter of the Moon Yesterday at 1 in the Afternoon.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶¶¶ That there are to be sold at DEAN, near Edinburgh, a very good plain *Chariot*, having 4 Glasses, and Harness for two Horses. Item, a *Milch Ass* and *She-colt*, at reasonable Rates. Any who have a-mind to buy them, may enquire for *Robert Henderson* Grieve at Dean.

By Order of the Trustees for the Creditors of the Earl of

NORTHESK:

All the Creditors who have signed the *Submission*, and have not yet produc'd their Claims and Grounds of Debt in the Hands of the Clerk to the *Submission*, are ordered to do the same betwixt and the *Fifteenth Day of September next.* And now that all the Estates disponed to the Trustees are sold; and in order to the Creditors their being Ranked upon the Prices and Produce thereof, the whole Creditors, heritable and moveable, are hereby desir'd to *Depone* upon the Verity of their Debts betwixt and the *First Day of October next* before the Arbiters, at Edinburgh, at the Writing-chamber of William Forbes Writer to the Signet, in the Parliament Close. And if any of the Creditors who live at a Distance, and cannot conveniently come to Edinburgh to depone, shall, by a Missive-letter or otherwise, acquaint the Clerk of their Place of Residence, proper Commissions shall be made out and sent them, for their deponing before Commissioners in the Country: *With Certification* to to those who shall fail to produce their Grounds of Debt, and depone as above, That the Trustees will proceed to Rank the other Creditors, as if those who shall so fail, were not Creditors. And as to those Creditors who have not thought fit to sign the Submission; they are hereby desired, betwixt and the *First of October next*, to acquaint the Clerk, by a Missive-letter or otherwise, of the Extent of their Debts, Principal and Annualrents, and how vouched; and if they please, they may be then informed of the Situation of the Creditors Affairs, and Management of the Trust: Which 'tis hop'd will give Satisfaction to all concerned.

¶¶¶ That on Thursday the 28th Instant, betwixt 2 and 4 a-clock after Noon, in the Laigh Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, is to be exposed to Sale by way of publick Roup, the Lands of HERDMAN-SHEELS, with the Pertinents, extending of free yearly Rent (after Deduction of Minister's Stipend and Schoolmaster's Salary) to 1000 *L.* 4 *sh.* 8 *d.* Scots, lying in the Parish of West-Calder and Sheriffdom of Mid-Lothian, and holding *Blanche Feu* of the Lord Torphichen. There is a convenient Old House on the Lands, and 19 Acres fine Ground, all inclosed with a good Stone Dyke, and planted all round with good Gardens with old and young Planting therein, with a fine Water running thro' the Inclosure. Particulars may be seen in the Hands of *James Syme* Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in the Foot of Kennedy's Close.

¶¶¶ *That the Lands and Estate of BALKETHLY, holding Feu of the Abbt. of St. Andrew's, and lying in the Parish of Dunnenno and Sheriffdom of Fife, paying yearly of free Rent to the Master,* 16 *Bolls,* 1 *Peck,* 2 *Lippies Bear;* 5 *Bolls,* 2 *Lippies Meal,* 16 *Bolls Oats, and* 339 *L.* 2 *sh.* 8 *d. Money: Are to be exposed to Sale by voluntar Roup, in the House of Mistress Clark Vintner in St. Andrew's, on the First Tuesday of October next. The Rental and Progress may be seen in the Hands of* JOHN PILMURE *Writer in* St. Andrew's.

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